



High School Voluntary School & Community Service

Abbreviated Title: VOL SCH/COMMU SERV

Course Number: 2104330

Course Type: Elective

Number of Credits: Half credit (.5)

Course Requirement: To receive credit for this course, documentation of at least 75 hours of school or community service, in addition to a personal reflection essay must be provided.

Course Description: The primary content emphasis for this course pertains to the concept of service to society and the engagement in activities that benefit communities. Students will learn and develop through active participation in service that is conducted in and meets the needs of a community. Service learning is coordinated with a school or community service program and with the community.

Service learning teaches the skills of civil participation and develops an ethic of service and civic responsibility. Students can provide service in the community on a voluntary basis to public, nonprofit agencies, civic, charitable and governmental organizations and school campus.

Guidelines

1. All services must comply with the policies of Sunrise Academy.
2. Volunteer service hours may be earned in school, or in the community. ***However, no more than 50% of your service hours may be earned in school.***
3. Students cannot receive credit for hours completed in return for compensation, such as financial gain or other substantial gain.
4. Fundraising activities for non-profit organizations, including churches and religious organizations will count towards the service hours requirement, as long as the student does not personally benefit from the fundraising.
5. Volunteering at events or programs sponsored by governmental agencies will count towards the service hours requirement.
6. Service for a student's friends, family, or family business will not count towards the service hours requirement.
7. Service performed as the result of disciplinary action taken by the school or the courts will not count.
8. Students will be subject to school rules at all times and disciplinary action against a student can result in the failure to receive course credit.



Application Form

You must submit your Service Provider Application form to the Assistant Principal, who will either approve, approve with modifications, or deny your application. If the Assistant Principal denies your application, you must find an alternative service provider. Once you have approval for your service provider, you can begin logging service hours on your “Volunteer Time Sheet.”

Logging Hours

You can log your service hours using your “Volunteer Time Sheet.” You must receive the signature of your service hours provider each day services hours are completed. Once you have reached 75 hours, you can return your Service Time Sheet to the Assistant Principal. If the Assistant Principal approves your hours, they will be submitted to the registrar to award course credit.

Appeals Process

If a student’s service hours have been rejected by the Assistant Principal, the student may appeal to the Executive Director in writing, including contact details of the student and the service hours provider.

Course Forms

Students can obtain course forms from the Administrative Assistant, as well as on the Parent & Student Portal on our website (www.sunriseacademy.education).